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1. IN ORDER TO COMPLETE REVIEW OF ULL PRISONER CASES WITHIN DEADLINE OF JANUARY 20 WE WILL NEED THREE OFFICERS ON TDY FOR A TOTAL OF 480 MAN HOURS-ONE OFFICER FOR FIVE WEEKS, ONE FOR FOUR WEEKS AND ONE FOR THREE WEEKS. REQUEST ALL OFFICERS BE ASSIGNED INITIALLY TO MEXICO CITY; WE WILL SEND THEM AS NEEDED TO CONSTITUENT POSTS. HERMOSILLO, MAZATLAN, AND MONTERREY ALL HAVE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL HELP AS WELL AS MEXICO CITY. WITH THIS HELP WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO COMPLETE REVIEW PRIOR TO THE JANUARY 20 DEADLINE.

2. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFER OF ASSISTANCE AND HOPE THE OFFICERS CAN ARRIVE O/A NOVEMBER 17. WE WILL PLAN TO RELEASE THEM ALL FOR RETURN TO U.S. PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS.

3. EMBASSY HAS DETAILED OFFICERS FROM OTHER UNITS IN CONSULAR SECTION TO WORK ON PRISONER REVIEW BUT, WITH UPSURGE OF NIV ISSUANCE WHICH WILL BEGIN END OF NOVEMBER AS RESULT OF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE DETAIL THESE OFFICERS. THEY WILL HAVE TO ASSIST ON VISA LINE AS OF MID-NOVEMBER.

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